

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR  
CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND  
CARRIER TAPE CONNECTING METHOD  
USING THIS CONNECTING ...

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/973,878, filed October 11, 2001, pending.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Please delete claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter claimed therein.*